(b) The number of persons in eaph category in the waiting list is as under:—

| | |
|---|---|
| MIG LIG | 14,034 |
| Janata/ EWS | 20,409 |
| | 4,503 |
| Total: | 38,946 |

DDA has planned to accommodate all the balance registrants by the end of the 8th Five Year plan, subject to availability of sufficient land infrastructure facilities and funds etc.

**News-item on Kashmir**

2611. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been brawn to a newsitem captioned "who is running Kashmir, India or West" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 28th August, 1995; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) Government have seen the news-item referred to in the question which basically relates to the hostage issue in Jammu and Kashmir. Government has, from the outset made efforts to encourage the abductors to come forward for dialogue/ discussion, to ensure that no harm is caused to the persons kidnapped. In keeping with the policy of transparency, close liaison and contact has also been maintained with the officials of the Missions of the countries whose nationals have been abducted, which include UK, USA, Germany and Norway. Their officials have also been facilitated to visit Srinagar. Government also agreed to the presence in India of experts of these countries to ennable them to make their own assessment of the situation and advise their missions. In the process Government has welcomed any advice and suggestions that may be given by them. However, at no stage has there been any direct involvement or interference by officials/experts of these countries in the actual handling of the situation. Thus the averments made in this regard in the news-report are incorrect.

**Utilisation of funds by North-eastern States for AIDS control**

2612. SHRI TRILOK1 NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of utilisation of funds by the North-eastern States in 1994-95 and 1995-96 allocated for prevention and control of HIV;

(b) the steps taken to ensure 100% safety of blood against HIV infection used for transfusion;

(c) the steps taken to control and regulate all blood banks and mandatory test for HIV; and

(d) whether any survey of HIV infection among the population of North Eastern States has been conducted and if so, the details thereof and if not, when such a survey will be done?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY: (a) The details are given in the enclosed statement *(see* below)

(b) and (c) Regulatory mechanisms have been tightened and it is now mandatory to test every unit of blood to ensure that blood is free from transmissible diseases before it is issued for transfusion. No blood bank can now be opened without the approval of the Drug Controller of India. 150 Zonal Blood Testing Centres have been set up and linkages have been provided to all

blood banks. Rapid HIV kits are provided at district level hospitals to facilitate testing of blood for HIV before transfusion.

(d) Sentinel Surveillance has been conducted in different sites in Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram. The results are as under:—

| s. No | City | Seng | Numt | Nump | PP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Imphal | BLOOD DON | 737 | 16 | 2.1 |
| 2. | Imphal | STD | 312 | 15 | 4.8 |
| 3. | Imphal | IDUS | 373 | 208 | 55.7 |
| 4. | Imphal | ANC | 615 | 5 | 0.8 |
| 5. | Dimapur | STD | 100 | 39 | 39.0 |
| 6. | Aizwal | STD | 200 | 2 | 1.0 |

SENG : Scntinct Group
NUMT: Number Tested
NUMP Number Positive
PP: Percent Positive

**Statement**

*National AIDS control programme utilisation of allocations North-easthern States*

(Rs. in lakhs)

| IS No | State/UT | 1994-95 | | | 1995-96 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Funds Allocated | Grants Released | Expendi-ture Reported | Funds Allocated | Grants Released | Expendi-ture Reported |
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | 45.72 | 12.19 | 16.26 | 65.81 | 0.00 | 0.75 |
| 2. | Assam | 76.89 | 50.37 | 19.37 | 115.40 | 57.78- | 1.64 |
| 3. | Manipur | 53.31 | 52.50 | 52.52 | 83.87 | 40.00 | 2.92 |
| 4. | Meghalaya | 27.80 | 40.29 | 43.35 | 35.79 | 18.00 | 8.45 |
| 5. | Mizoram | 47.89 | 56.40 | 55.16 | 75.38 | 36.00 | |
| 6. | Nagaland | 53.83 | 67.33 | 67.33 | 82.79 | 40.00 | |
| 7. | Tripura | 51.73 | 3.08 | 19.70 | 80.74 | 38.00 | |
| | TOTAL: | 357.17 | 282.08 | 273.69 | 539.78 | 229.70 | 13.77 |

**Mahila Coir Yojana**

2613. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the states in which Mahila Coir Yojana schemes are being implemented;

(b) what are the details of the action plan under the scheme; and

(c) whether the scheme is being implemented in the State of Orissa; if so, how many women have been benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: (a) The Mahila Coir Yojana scheme is being implemented in Kerala. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Assam.